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Dasara 2020 to be a low-key affair

CM offers *bagina* at KRS and Kabini

CM B.S. Yediyurappa seen offering** bagina **at KRS Dam this noon as Mandya MP Sumalatha looks on.

Bengaluru, Aug. 21 (BCT)- It is official. Dasara 2020 will be a low-key affair due to COVID-19 pandemic but the celebrations will stick to the age-old traditions. This was announced by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in Bengaluru this morning before leaving to Mandya in a chopper to offer *bagina* to Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam that is full to the brim.

The *Naada Habba* will be a simple but traditional affair with no large gatherings. With the CM's announcement, it is clear that the State Government will follow the Odisha model where the famous Puri Lord Jagannath Yatra was symbolically held without people and tourists gathering to witness the grand spectacle. The entire event was aired live online.

Yediyurappa said that there have been several discussions at the Government level on how to conduct the Dasara festival in view of COVID contagion. "The Government has decided to celebrate the festival in a low-key manner but with adherence to traditions and not to hurt the sentiments of people. The modalities of the celebrations will be worked out in the due course, the CM said.

An estimated 10 lakh people visit Mysuru every year during the 10-day State-sponsored Dasara extravaganza. However, this year, dark clouds of COVID-19 have cast over the celebrations.

The strict norm of social distancing have to be followed at least till the pandemic is brought under complete control. Dasara is hardly two months away and the success of celebrations solely depends on surging crowds to see the caparisoned elephants and tourist footfall at various Dasara venues.

(See DASARA on page 7)

Obituary

Theetharamada Ravi Nanjappa

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Theetharamada Ravi Nanjappa (73), a coffee planter and a resident of Nallur village near Ponnampet in South Kodagu, passed away early this morning at a private hospital in Mysuru.

He leaves behind his wife Indira, a daughter, a son, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation took place at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage here today, according to family sources.

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of *Ganesha Chaturthi*. Hence, there will be no issue of ***Star of Mysore*** dated 22.8.2020.

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We wish a happy and prosperous Gowri-Ganesha to all our readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, delivery boys, agents and well-wishers.

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By Satish Acharya

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	253
Total positive cases	:	12,304
Discharges yesterday	:	0
Total discharges	:	7,302
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	320
Total active cases	:	4,682

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 21st August 2020

BVB students excel in SSLC exams

D.S. Vivek *Thanushree* *Nithin* *Sanjana* *Sowjanya*

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School (BVB), Mysuru, has secured cent percent results in SSLC Board Examination (2019-20).

A total of 106 students appeared for the exam, out of which 66 students have secured distinction and 40 students have secured first class. Highest scorers are as follows: D.S. Vivek - 609, S. Thanushree -609, S. Nithin - 607, S. Sanjana - 606, Sowjanya - 606, Ishan M. Patel - 603, V.J. Shreya - 602, H.R. Achinchana - 601, Krupa - 601 and M.V. Vaishnavi - 600.

Onam: KSRTC's special bus services from Mysuru to Kerala

Mysuru, Aug. 21- During Onam celebrations, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has arranged special bus services from Mysuru to various places across Kerala from Aug. 24 to Sept. 6.

Buses have been arranged to Calicut, Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kottayam and every passenger must wear face mask.

As per an order issued from the Kerala Government, all the passengers entering Kerala from other States must compulsorily register in Kerala Government's Seva Sindhu portal *(https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in)* and those coming to Karnataka from other States should register in Karnataka Government's Seva Sindhu portal *(https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in)*.

Tickets to Kerala can be booked in advance through website and KSRTC/ Franchisee counter. KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller has, in a press release, asked the people to make use of the facility.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MANKIND AT CROSSROADS: ***I have spent many a pleasant day in a small hilly place with dense forests. I turn green with envy for the past whenever I think of the panorama of green canopy spread over the hillside wherever my eyes roamed. Now, the only tall trees I have access to are framed within a digital cage! The melody of enchanting bird songs too is embedded in my 'mental chip'. I switch on my 'inward' audio whenever I am in a vacant mood and wish to connect with the music of the forest. How can I forget the grand crescendo of raindrops splashing on huge leaves and rushing away into rivulets while tickling my naked feet? The rhapsody that a monsoon downpour offers is simply overwhelming—beyond the realm of any orchestra!***

Wintry mornings, by contrast, were invigorating. Because of the bitter cold, there would be pin-drop silence till the mellow sun made a lazy effort to rise late and shake off the blanket of thick fog. Wildflowers would shed heavy dew on their petals and get down to business by welcoming colourful butterflies. As I stepped down the forest path on my morning constitutional, my lungs would fill with the crisp air and my heart would overflow with unsullied joy!

Is that past beauty totally lost to us? No! Provided we stop destroying nature. We need to do it to save the human race from facing nature's 'death sentence'—extinction. *— Ishwar Pati in Deccan Herald*

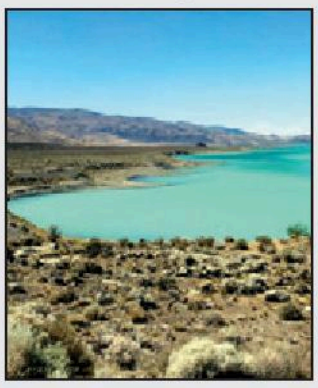
NEWS SPARKLERS

Confectioner creates most amazing wedding cakes

Los Angeles: Los Angeles-based confectioner Julie Simon, is creating sensation for creating the most amazing wedding cakes.

When it comes to floral-inspired cakes, there's just no one better out there than Julie Simon, and after looking at all the intricate cakes below, I'm pretty sure you'll agree with me. Most often than not, her delicious masterpieces look like carefully arranged vases or bouquets with real flowers sticking out of them. Only those vases are actually cakes and the flowers are made of sugar. It's hard to believe, but only because the LA-based confectioner is so exceptionally good at her job.

Natural phenomenon causes Nevada Lake turn turquoise



Reno: Nevada's Lake Pyramid experiences an algae boom so significant that its color changes from dark blue to a vibrant turquoise once in 7 to 10 years. This phenomenon is known as "whiting".

Located in a remote desert area of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribes' Reservation, about 40 miles northeast of Reno, Lake Pyramid is famous for the whiting events that occur there every decade or so. Over the course of a few weeks, the water turns light blue, turquoise, and, in rare cases, even white. This spontaneous precipitation of calcium carbonate is well documented, but not very well understood. All scientists know is that contributing factors include high water temperatures, algae bloom and increased calcium concentrations. Interestingly, whiting events are not dangerous to the aquatic life. However the same cannot be said for land life, including humans...

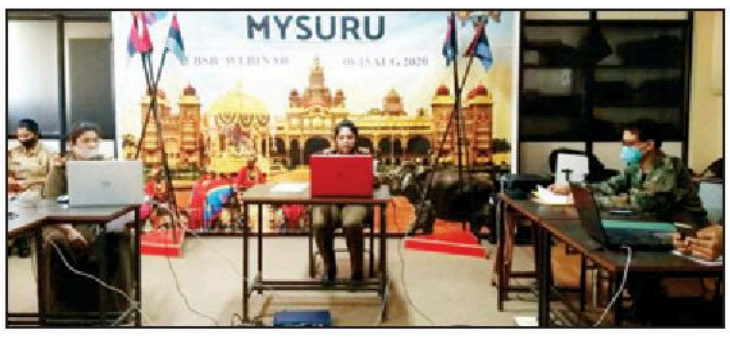
HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How do hormone levels vary between men and women as they get older?

The hormones estrogen, progesterone, dhea, HGH and testosterone are essential for optimal bone health. In women, these hormone levels drop rapidly in the early 50s with menopause, whereas male hormone levels drop gradually with age. This is why women are much more prone to osteoporosis than men.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

'Ek Bharat Shrest Bharat Saptha' Webinar held



Mysuru, Aug. 21- Keeping in line with the new normal of webinars, NCC too has tried its hand at having the 'Ek Bharat Shrest Bharat Saptha' being organised as a webinar.

The second such webinar was held between the Karnataka and Goa NCC Directorate (hosts) and Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Chandigarh NCC Directorate (guest).

3 Kar Girls Bn NCC, under the aegis of NCC Group Mysuru, had organised the event from Aug.10 to 15 and 100 Cadets each from the two Directorates took part.

Admissions at Govt. ITI

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Applications have been invited from SSLC-pass candidates for admission to PPP division at Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Mysuru under merit-cum-reservation basis. Candidates can apply for Electrician, Electronic Mechanic and Fitter vocal training before Aug. 31.

Also, applications have been invited under CTS division of the Institute.

SSLC-pass candidates can apply for Fitter, Turner, COPA and Stenography training before Aug.31.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-297112, according to a press release from the Principal.

Really...?

- ***The blue bird from the Twitter logo has a name: Larry. The creators of the social network named the bird after basketball player Larry Bird.***
- ***In the high mountain forests of Nepal, there are giant bees. The length of their bodies can be up to 1.1 inches. These bees produce special honey that can cause a person to hallucinate. The Gurungs that live in that part of the Himalayas collect such hallucinogenic honey.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

James was walking down the road one morning when he met his friend Danny.
"Morning, Danny. Er ... Danny, you're wearing a glove on one hand and none on the other. Did you know?"
"The forecaster said on the one hand it might be fine but on the other hand there might be some rain!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.86
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.38
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.44

VOICE OF THE READER

COVID-19: Silent sufferings of senior citizens

Sir,

Senior citizens occupy a sizeable population in India, thanks to longevity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this group of people had to undergo tension and stress due to their age-related problems. Aged parents living with their children had to adjust to the set of rules and the little freedom they had, thus lost.

Most of them, even today, are unable to go for a walk or make a short trip to their friends and neighbours to share their feelings or visit temples; thereby confined to homes. They also complain that watching TV channels continuously make them sick. Except a small percentage of people, who live independently, have some freedom, but they have none at home for interaction.

Ultimately the aged people are unable to find people or friends or family members for interaction to reduce their tension except some telephonic conversations with their near and dear ones.

During this pandemic an interesting observation is that several Old Age Homes are receiving enquiries for enrolment by seniors to escape loneliness.

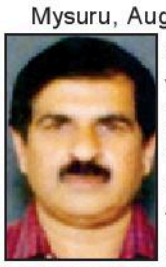
In the light of the above, neither the Government nor the society have any alternative structure to engage seniors. The country needs Senior Citizen Centres to enable them to gather at one place for social interaction and sharing their views in this hour of crisis.

The Government can make use of their experience for the good of the society by using their valuable services wherever necessary. Most of the seniors are educated and retired and are willing to extend a helping hand in the field of education, health, spiritual and welfare activities. Engaging them in welfare programmes will definitely bring a plus point to the Government.

As a first step, the elected representatives like MLA or MP can open one or two Senior Citizen Centres in their jurisdiction with their grant and help of local donors and voluntary organisations. Let the MLA and MP of Mysuru start a Centre in city on an experimental basis and if successful, others will emulate.

— Rtn. Y.N. Sanjeeva Rao
Jayanagar 16.8.2020

Protest against concrete road works inside Mysore Race Club land by Golf Club: Work stopped



H.K. Ramesh

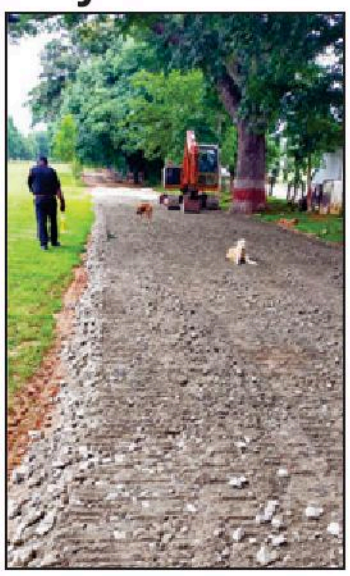
Mysuru, Aug. 21- The road concreting works inside Mysore Race Course land undertaken by the Golf Club (JWGC) without permission from Mysore Race Club Ltd. (MRC), was stopped yesterday by a novel protest by a Member of the MRC.

According to MRC, the JWGC has only a right to use the MRC Golf Course, inside the MRC land, for playing golf under an MoU but has no right to tamper with the land taken under lease from the Government of Karnataka.

Thus when JWGC opened a separate gate of its own to enter the Golf Course, MRC went to the Court and filed a case. The case is posted for 28th August 2020, it is learnt.

However, pending the case the JWGC began work on laying a concrete road inside the Golf Course without permission from the MRC.

When JWGC did not stop the work despite objections from the MRC, reminding them of the pending Court case, as a last resort a senior member of MRC H.K. Ramesh, who is also the Member of the Managing Committee, went to the work spot, stood before the road-roller and then laid himself flat in front of the road-roller preventing it from moving forward.



Ramesh alleged that the JWGC was violating rules in taking up the concrete road works on MRC land.

Following the protest, MRC filed a complaint at Nazarbad Police Station and the Police on visiting the spot directed the JWGC to stop the work.

The MRC members said that to prevent JWGC from carrying out such works permanently, the MRC had approached the Court and after hearing the case, the ruling has been reserved for Aug. 28, 2020.

This development notwithstanding, the JWGC had hurriedly taken up the works to lay the concrete road and summoned 10 to 20 workers including women, two earth-movers and a road-roller to carry out the works, the MRC members alleged. Now the works have been stalled and the MRC security staff have been posted at the work site.

NEWS BRIEFS

Aadhaar Seva Kendras closed

Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASK) at Vijayanagar and Saraswathipuram will remain closed on Saturday (Aug.22) on the occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi, according to a press release from Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (Retd.), Centre Manager, ASK Mysuru.

Zoo Indian Elephant adopted

Sandalwood actor Shivarajkumar, has adopted Parvathi, a female Indian Elephant of Mysuru Zoo for a period of one year from Aug. 20, 2020 to Aug. 19, 2021 after paying adoption fee of Rs. 75,000, according to a press release from Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

Ph.D Awardees

The Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences to K.S. Gururaj for his thesis 'Design of an Effective and Secured Cloud based Online Statistical Analysis of Voting System' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Thippeswamy.

The University of Mysore has awarded Ph.D in Economics to P. Ravishankara for his thesis 'An Economic Analysis of Energy Security and efficiency in Agricultural Sector in Karnataka,' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.S. Premakumara.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.10 ft
Inflow	19,820 cusecs
Outflow	5,318 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.86 ft
Inflow	3,960 cusecs
Outflow	4,023 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.38 ft
Inflow	2,837 cusecs
Outflow	1,637 cusecs

Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer Dr. S.R. Nagendra ends life

Dr. S.R. Nagendra

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (PM&DM)- Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. S.R. Nagendra (43), committed suicide by hanging self at his residence in Alanahalli here yesterday. Nagendra who was reportedly under pressure to ramp up COVID-19 testing in the taluk, is said to have not taken leave since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March.

Dr. Nagendra was found hanging at his residence on Thursday morning. The Police who visited the spot, did not find any suicide note in his house.

Doctors and other Health Department staff brought the body to the Office of the District Health Officer (DHO) in Nazarbad and staged a protest. The protestors held ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra responsible for the suicide of Dr. Nagendra. Dr. H.N. Ravindra, an MCI member, who led the protest, said that doctors are working with 60 percent staff shortage in most of the Hospitals. Alleging that the doctors are given unrealistic targets of collecting throat swab samples, he said that they are harassed if the target is not met.

Accusing ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra of setting unrealistic targets of Swab and RAT testing, the doctors and other medical staff vented out their ire against the ZP CEO upon his arrival at the spot, addressing him in singular in the presence of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar. Maintaining that Dr. Nagendra had not taken even a single day leave since June15 and was working every day,the protestors demanded the suspension of the ZP CEO pending enquiry.

Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, MP Pratap Simha, Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan and a host of other people representatives paid their last respects to the departed Nanjangud THO Dr. Nagendra.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Dr. Nagendra had written a letter to Mysuru DHO on Aug.10 appealing him to relieve him as Nanjangud THO, which he was temporarily put in charge.

CM announces Rs. 50 lakh compensation

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has announced Rs. 50 lakh compensation and other Government benefits, besides a Government job on compassionate grounds to a family member of the deceased Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. S.R. Nagendra.

In an order issued late on Thursday (Aug. 20), CM Yediyurappa, responding to an appeal from Karnataka Government Employees Association (KGEA) at Bengaluru, expressed his grief over the death of Nanjangud THO Dr. Nagendra.

Chief Minister Yediyurappa said that the Regional Commissioner (RC) at Mysuru has been directed to conduct an impartial and comprehensive enquiry into the circumstances that led to the tragic incident and submit a report to the Government on the findings within a week.

Protestors surround Medical Education Minister Dr. Sudhakar, demand probe

As soon as Medical Education Minister Dr.K. Sudhakar arrived at the DHO Office to pay respects to the departed doctor, the protesting doctors and other medical staff surrounded him and sought the suspension of ZP CEO and initiate a probe into the suicide of Dr. Nagendra.

Addressing the protestors and the media, Dr.K. Sudhakar said that Dr. Nagendra was on COVID-19 duty and was tirelessly serving the people and his death is most unfortunate.

Recalling the role of Dr. Nagendra when cluster virus broke out in Nanjangud's Jubilant Pharma factory, Dr. Sudhakar assured that the Government will provide a suitable job in the Higher Education Department to the deceased doctor's wife, who holds a Doctoral degree and Rs. 30 lakh as compensation to Dr. Nagendra's family.

Responding to the protestors demand for a probe, Dr. Sudhakar said that the Government would order a probe into the Health Officer's death. Promising that the State Government will take steps to ease the pressure on the medical fraternity, he said that he would take up the issue with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa when he arrives to offer *Bagina* to Kabini and KRS Dams on Friday.

Government Doctors threaten protest from Aug. 24

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA) has threatened to stop work and go on strike from Aug. 24 if the State Government does not grant compensation to families of doctors and health workers, who died while discharging their duties as frontline Corona Warriors. KGMOA President Dr.Srinivasa Gulur said on Thursday that Dr. Nagendra, who was Nanjangud THO, was under pressure to conduct more tests in Primary Health Centres of the taluk and he was working tirelessly without taking a break. Terming Dr. Nagendra's death as most unfortunate, he said that Government Doctors will attend only emergency cases and stay away from COVID-19 duties. The KGMOA will hold an emergency meeting on Aug. 23 to decide the course of the stir, he added.

Obituary

Gangamma

Mysuru, Aug. 21 - Gangamma (83), wife of Narasimhaiah and a resident of Gayathripuram passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Fairoz Khan

Fairoz Khan (56), a businessman and a resident of Hanumanthanagar in Bannimantap passed away this morning following cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, four daughters, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today evening, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Palanganda Rana Appaiah

Palanganda Rana Appaiah (61), former employee of the then Vikrant Tyres and a resident of Brindavan Extension 1st Stage passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation will take place tomorrow (Aug. 22) at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam.

Pandemic or no pandemic...

Traditional 'morada bagina' ritual continues this festive season

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (NS) - "Pandemic or no pandemic, we don't stop making our bamboo wares. The virus may have shaken the world but can we stop trusting God and stop worshipping Him? We make some decent earnings during this Ganesha festival season which helps us sustain for a few months. This year the sales of the traditional 'moras' has been a tad slow but it did pick up soon and people are back to buying them. Thanks to their faith. Goddess Gowri will protect us all. She hasn't let us down very badly in spite of all the fears," says Manjula, whose family from Nanjangud makes bamboo ladders, baskets and mainly moras and sets up their shop in Agrahara Circle every year during this season.

We are here since a fortnight and will pack up in a couple of days. Thankfully we are doing okay and hope to come back to some better business next year too, she adds but rues that they haven't received any help from the Government.

The virus scare has kept many indoors but hasn't stopped them from celebrating the festivals safely in their homes. The annual ritual of sharing 'morada bagina' in bamboo moras or trays continues this year too.

"A lot of other business has suffered a huge loss they say during this bad phase. But thankfully for us it hasn't been as bad as we expected. Yes, the sales may have slightly dipped but most of the wares have been sold. I sell about 300-400 pairs of 'moras' in a day during this one week of the festival season. This year too people have been buying the same way, though business started a bit late, says Somanna, who has his shop near Apollo BGS Hospital in Kuvempunagar.

Gowri Habba is celebrated a day before Ganesh Chaturthi. Picture shows a housewife performing Gowri Puja at her residence in city this morning.

***YEDIYURAPPA GANAPA:** M.N. Darshan, grandson of idol-maker Ashwathappa in Kumbarageri, has displayed Ganesha and Shiva idols with that of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa praying the Lords for peace, prosperity and well-being of people during pandemic times.*

Gowramma, who too is satisfied with her sales, says they buy raw materials mainly from Madikeri, Gonikoppal and surrounding areas. "This year thankfully we bought the materials well in advance or the recent havoc in Kodagu would have ruined us also," she says.

However, Shivalingamma is a sad soul! Her business hasn't picked up at all, she couldn't get enough raw materials either and she is worried about the unsold moras as the moisture will spoil them if not stored properly.

"This deadly virus has turned everything upside down... My regular customers also have not turned up this year and I cannot preserve the unsold moras for next year," she rues.

"The rituals of the Gowri festival, including sharing the 'morada bagina' is very sacred and we cannot skip it. We will not invite too many people home and even when we go to someone's house to give the bagina, we will wear our masks and take precaution," says Meera Gopal of Ramakrishnanagar.

Though the normal enthusiasm and joy of the festival is not seen much, those who celebrate are doing it in a small way continuing the rituals.

Married women exchanging 'morada bagina' at Karaga temple in Ittigegud this morning as part of Gowri festival.

Gowramma weaving bamboo tray (mora) at her stall near Apollo BGS Hospital in Kuvempunagar.

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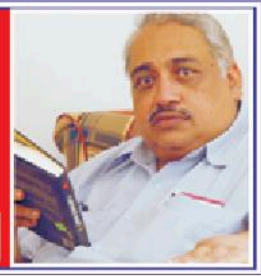
Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

A Bridge not too Far !

The original roughly hewn stone pillars.

The new concrete-like stone pillars put up now.

As most of us perhaps know **'A bridge too Far'** was the title of an epic war movie from the seventies about the **Second World War,** based on a book of the same name by **Cornelius Ryan.** The story revolves around a strategic bridge at **Arnhem** in the **Netherlands** which the Allies try to secure, before air-dropping their troops there, behind German lines. Since I had read the book, which I still have with me, I was very eager to see the movie when it was released in the year 1977. But when it came to Mysore I was myself far away at Gulbarga, preparing for my own personal battle of facing the second MBBS examination which to me was no less than the Second World War itself!

I say this because of all the subjects I had to study in medical college, the toughest for me was Pharmacology which was a part of the second year package. While most of my friends and seniors used to perhaps rightly say that it was one of the easier subjects to pass, I used to disagree with them simply because memorising anything other than poetry, was nothing short of anathema to me.

And, Pharmacology was all about memorising the names of hundreds of drugs and their side effects which seemed like an endless and futile exercise to my poetry loving soul. But thankfully I secured a first class in pharmacology, much to my own relief and the relief of my very anxious parents!

But I did get to see the movie about the distant bridge I was longing to see, only much later, at one of its re-runs. But the bridge I'm talking about here today is one that is much nearer home. And, my writing about it today is also a sort of a re-run because I have written about it once, a few years ago in this very same column, which some of you may recall.

The bridge of my article today is the **Lushington Bridge** which after bearing the annual onslaught of the Cauvery floodwaters for exactly two full centuries was in the news two years ago for succumbing to the ravages of time. The bridge sometimes called the Wellesley Bridge by most people who know of its existence spans the Cauvery River connecting the large island of Shivasamudram close to a spot called **Madhyaranga** with the mainland at **Satthegala** village of **Kollegal** Taluk.

It is named after **S. R. Lushington,** the then Governor of Madras in whose domain the area lay at that time. The exact date of the original construction of this bridge is not known but what is on record is the fact that it was almost rebuilt on the foundations of a much older structure of the pre **Tipu Sultan** era by **Ramaswamy Mudaliar,** then an officer under the Mysore administration. A copy of a letter dated July 23, 1833, published in an account entitled **'Narrative of a Journey to the Falls of the Cauvery'** by **Lt. H. Jarvis,** records this fact. And, the **Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society** which I have read endorses this on page 1834 of its volume IX. This entry says that Ramaswami even submitted a 187 inches long wooden model, which was in a scale of 10 feet to an inch, of his 1870 foot long bridge which Lushington himself carried to England and presented to the society.

A really quaint thing to do but very sadly, a continuation of this record in the journal also says that due to a lack of space the society was unable to exhibit this beautiful model among its permanent exhibits! What a shame! Lushington who was a junior commissioner until 1831 later became the Governor of the Madras Presidency. Very interestingly the bridge which he had named after his superior, **Lord Richard Colley Wellesley** was then renamed after him by the British administration! That explains why the bridge is still known by two names. Thankfully, for all his efforts and his great zeal to serve the needs of the local inhabitants Ramaswami was rewarded by the new Governor General who was familiar with his abilities and sincerity, with a large **Jagir** or endowment comprising many villages and extensive stretches of land, the revenue from which he and his descendents were entitled to receive permanently.

But I'll be writing about this very interesting and amazing turn of events in a subsequent article as it is going to be a very long story in itself which is no less interesting!

Now let me take you back by just two years instead of two centuries to our bridge. A forty feet long span of the Lushington Bridge was washed away by the flood waters of the Cauvery during the monsoon of 1918 which was considered a great loss because of the significance of this historic structure. While people of the State lamented this loss, surprisingly the State Government quickly stepped in like a medieval knight in shining armour, coming to the rescue of a maiden in distress and announced that it would get the bridge repaired immediately. It also announced a substantial grant for this purpose and immediately released an initial sum of rupees 95 lakhs.

The Government also stated that officials of the **Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage** would get the restoration done under its supervision by stone masons from Bagalkot and not just the damaged portion but the entire stretch of the bridge would be repaired to preserve it as a heritage monument. This was welcomed as very good news by heritage buffs like me. Since the bridge was built with very roughly hewn stone pillars, buttressed at their bases on the rocky bed of the river and connected on the top by horizontal stone slabs I thought that the restoration work too would be done keeping this construction method in mind.

But last week when I happened to visit the place with my family to view the waterfalls in their full monsoon glory I was aghast to see how thoughtlessly the bridge restoration is being done. Presumably machine cut stone pillars with perfectly smooth sides which look just like cast concrete pillars have been set up. And, I will not be surprised if a similar treatment is meted out to the connecting spans that are going to be laid on top of them very soon. **The restoration work looks like a sharp slap on the face of the ancient bridge and will stand out like a sore thumb indicating how incompetent our so called experts can be.**

I am of the opinion that if ordinary, village bred and village trained stone masons had been entrusted with this work, without any expert interference, they would have done a great job of copying and incorporating the original design of the bridge into their restoration work. Heritage conscious citizens should immediately step in and prevail upon the State Government to ensure that the present type of restoration work is stopped immediately before it irreparably mars the beauty and grandeur of a bygone era with its shoddy repair work.

If our authorities and experts cannot do a good and befitting job now with all our technical know how it is certainly better to leave the broken bridge untouched as a standing testimony to the abilities of the unlettered and humble construction workers and a farsighted Jagirdar from our glorious past!

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CET results announced: M. Rakshita of Bengaluru is engineering topper

K. Sanjana of Mysuru bags top ranks in three streams

Bengaluru, Aug.21- The results of the Common Entrance Test-2020 (CET) for admission to professional courses (barring medical and dental courses) in Karnataka was announced this noon, according to which M.Rakshitha of Bengaluru has emerged as topper in engineering stream.

Announcing the results at Bengaluru, Deputy Chief Minister Dr.C.N.Ashwathnarayan,who is also the Higher Education Minister, said that the CET exam was conducted on July 30 and 31 at 497 centres in 127 cities and towns.

A total of 1,94,419 students had registered for the exam, out of which 1,75,349 attended and the results have been announced in a record time of 21 days, he said and added that the admission counselling will take place in two rounds only through online by October.

The Minister said that the KEA has announced 1,53,470 ranks in respect of engineering stream, 1,27,627 ranks for agriculture stream,1,29,611 ranks for yogic and naturopathy sciences stream and 1,55,552 ranks for pharmacy.

K.Sanjana of BASE PU College in Mysuru bagged top ranks in three streams. Sanjana has secured the second rank in agriculture stream, third rank in veterinary sciences stream and second rank in yogic and naturopathy stream.

Lokesh B.Jogi of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya PU College at Yadavagiri in Mysuru has bagged the third rank in agriculture. The list of the top three rank holders in different streams is as follows-

Engineering

First- M.Rakshitha of R.V.College in Bengaluru

Second- R.Shubhan of Sri Chaitanya E-Techno School, Bengaluru

Third- M.Shashank Balaji of BASE PU college, Bengaluru

Agriculture

First- A.B.Varun Gowda of Expert PU College, Mangaluru

Second- K.Sanjana of BASE PU college, Mysuru

Third- Lokesh B.Jogi of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Mysuru

Veterinary sciences

First- P.Sai Vivek of Narayana E-Techno School,Bengaluru

Second- Aryan Mahalingappa Channal of Pragathi Public Secondary School, Kota, Udupi

Third- K.Sanjana- BASE PU College, Mysuru

Pharmacy

First- P.Sai Vivek of Narayana E-Techno School, Bengaluru

Second- Sandeepan Naskar

Third- Pavan S.Gowda of Narayana PU College, Bengaluru

Yoga and Naturopathy

First- P.P. Arnav Aiyappa of Alvas PU College, Mudabidri

Second- K.Sanjana of BASE PU College, Mysuru

Third- P. Sai Vivek of Narayana E-Techno School, Bengaluru.

Dasara 2020 to be a low-key affair

(Continued from page 1)

Mysuru's tourism revenues, employment and employability too depend much on Dasara and with the Government deciding that the celebrations will be a low-key affair, tourism stakeholders stare at a bleak future.

A lot of foreign tourists too flock Mysuru during pre-Dasara and continue their stay till December. This year, there is uncertainty over the arrival of foreign tourists due to large-scale deaths triggered by Coronavirus.

COVID has already affected many international calendar events like Oktoberfest in Germany which has been cancelled this year.

Yediyurappa offers *bagina* at KRS Dam for the fifth time

Mandya, Aug. 21 (Nagaiah& BCT)- Following the tradition of Chief Ministers offering *Bagina* at Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam across River Cauvery that is full to the brim, CM B.S. Yediyurappa this noon, performed the ritual amidst a celebratory mood.

It was Yediyurappa's fifth *Bagina*. Over 20 specially designed *Bagina* by priest Bhanuprakash Sharma and team were offered. Each *Bagina,* placed on the traditional 'Mora' contained saree, blouse, flowers, fruits, bangles, *Arashina* and *Kumkum* and rice. The rituals were led by Bhanuprakash Sharma and other priests. After offering *Bagina,* Yediyurappa performed special pujas to Goddess Cauvery.

The CM was accompanied by Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, Co-operation and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Municipal Administration and Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, Mandya MP Sumalatha, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLAs C.S. Puttaraju and Ravindra Srikantaiah and MLC Srikantegowda. The guests too offered *Bagina* to Cauvery River.

By offering *Bagina* for the fifth time, Yediyurappa created a record today. Notably, he is the second CM from Mandya district — hailing from Bookanakere (K.R. Pet Taluk) — besides S.M. Krishna. Even though Krishna completed a full five-year term, he could not offer *Bagina* for three years due to drought. Yediyurappa had offered *Bagina* to KRS Dam in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2019.

The practice of offering *Bagina* at KRS Dam was started by the then CM D. Devaraj Urs in 1979. R. Gundu Rao, S. Bangarappa and H.D. Kumaraswamy offered *Bagina* as Chief Ministers thrice. Ramakrishna Hegde, M. Veerappa Moily, S.M. Krishna, N. Dharam Singh and Siddharamaiah performed the ritual twice, Veerendra Patil, H.D. Deve Gowda, J.H. Patel and D.V. Sadananda Gowda had offered *Bagina* only once.

On the auspicious occasion today, Yediyurappa also released a booklet that features the one-year achievements of Water Resources Ministry. The stage programme was over in 10 minutes and later, Yediyurappa left for Kabini Dam to offer *Bagina*.

Speaking on the occasion, Yediyurappa said that he was fortunate to offer *Bagina* for a record fifth time. "The State Government has plans to transform the Brindavan Gardens to world-class tourist destination. The Government will spend Rs. 8.48 crore to replace the old 16 crest gates of KRS Dam and replace them with new ones," he added.

Farmers protest

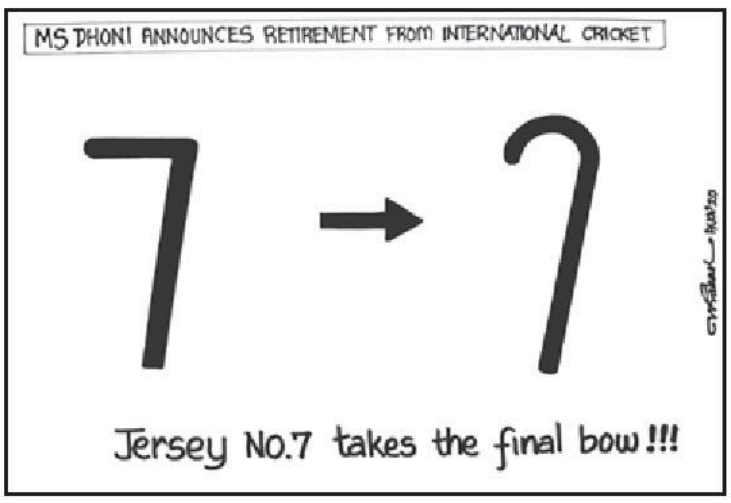
A group of farmers had planned to show black flags to the CM to register their protest and draw the CM's attention to the problems faced by farmers. The farmers were led by Raitha Sangha and other activists.

However, the protestors who were arriving from Pandavapura were cordoned off near Katteri and protesters who were coming from Srirangapatna were blocked at Belagola.

The protestors were arrested and bundled into Police vehicles. The Police had increased vigil in five kilometres surroundings of the KRS Dam.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Three readymade garment shops burgled on Devaraj Urs Road

Rs. 1.88 lakh cash and garments stolen

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (RK&KS)- Burglars, who broke into three readymade garment shops on Devaraja Urs Road on Wednesday night, have decamped with cash and garments worth Rs. 1.88 lakh from the three shops

The burglaries took place at US Polo garment shop, where burglars decamped with Rs. 1.38 lakh cash, Pepe Jeans shop (cash and garments worth Rs. 26,000) and Levis Garments (Cash and garments worth Rs. 24,000).

The owners of these three shops closed their business for the day on Wednesday night and the thefts came to light when they came the next day (Thursday) morning to open the shop. They saw the rolling shutters forcibly opened and on inspecting the shops, the owners found the cash and garments stolen and immediately informed Devaraja Police.

Devaraja Inspector Prasanna Kumar and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, summoned fingerprint experts and the Dog Squad to the spot besides registering a case. Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shashidhar too visited the spot and collected information. Devaraja Police, who are collecting the CCTV footages, are investigating.

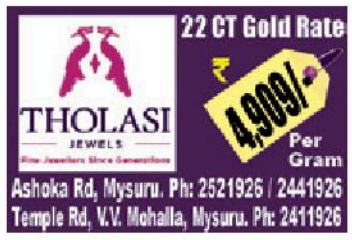
It may be recalled that last week, five shops including a bar and restaurant and a hotel located at the busy Agrahara Circle were burgled and it is suspected that the same gang may have committed the crime again.

Rider killed as truck rams into bike

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (MK&KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot when a truck rammed into the bike he was riding at Mysuru-T. Narasipur Ring Road junction on Wednesday morning.

The deceased is S. Prasad, a resident of N.R. Mohalla.

Prasad was proceeding from Chikkahalli side toward Mysuru, when a speeding truck which came from Devegowda Circle towards Uttanahalli junction rammed into the bike, killing Prasad on the spot. Siddarthanagar Traffic Police have registered a case.



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Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Virtual sessions on Sunday

Mysuru, Aug. 21- The fourth edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2020 organised by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 being held virtually on every weekend from Aug. 14, will conclude on Sept. 5. This edition has a wide range of authors and speakers as Panellists. Today, *SOM* features Aug. 23 panellists — Vikram Kirloskar, Aroon Raman, Deepak Unnikrishnan, Krupa Ge and Mona Kareem.

AUGUST 23 - PANELLISTS

Vikram Kirloskar

Aroon Raman

Deepak Unnikrishnan

Krupa Ge

Mona Kareem

Time: **6 pm** *Panel-1:* **Times in the New Age**

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Vikram Kirloskar

Vikram Kirloskar is currently the Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar Systems, Vice-Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts. Director at Kirloskar Brothers, Kirloskar Pneumatic, Kirloskar Oil Engines, he serves on the National Council of CII and is Chairman of the Technology Committee. He also serves on the Govt. of India Development Council for Automobiles and the National Council for Electric Mobility. He is a member of Education Council for India, MIT, National Council, and Confederation of Indian Industry, and serves on the Board of Trustees of The Rhode Island School of Design. His interests are diverse and interesting as his achievements — aero modelling, swimming, golf, tennis, cooking, painting, sculpture, Western and Indian classical music.

Aroon Raman

Aroon Raman is a Bengaluru-based entrepreneur and author. His debut novel, a spy thriller called *The Shadow Throne,* quickly became a national bestseller. The *Treasure of Kafur* is his second novel. His third book, *SkyFire* is a sequel to *The Shadow Throne* and was published in 2016. He divides his spare time between trekking, advising and supporting NGOs and travel.

Time: **7.30 pm** *Panel-2:* **The Dialects of Oil and Rain**

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Deepak Unnikrishnan

Deepak Unnikrishnan is a writer from Abu Dhabi. His book *Temporary People,* a work of fiction about Gulf narratives won the inaugural Restless Books Prize for New Immigrant Writing, the Hindu Prize and the Moore Prize. He has been a writer in residence at Sangam House, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, and Brown University, and was a Margaret Bridgman Fellow in Fiction at Bread Loaf. He currently teaches at NYU, Abu Dhabi.

Krupa Ge

Krupa Ge is a writer and editor from Madras. She is the author of *Rivers Remember* (Context, 2019) a narrative non-fiction account of the Chennai floods of 2015. Her reportage and cultural writings have appeared in *The Hindu, Firstpost* and *The New Indian Express,* among other Indian and international publications over the last 12 years. She has a novel forthcoming from Context.

Mona Kareem

Mona Kareem is the author of three poetry collections, and most recently, a trilingual chapbook titled *FEMME GHOSTS*. She holds a Ph.D in Comparative Literature and is currently a Translator-in-Residence at Princeton University.

Register at: **http://www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com/registration/**

Instructions will be sent to registered e-mail address 24 hours before each panel starts and a reminder 1 hour before it starts.

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City Publisher D.N. Lokappa nominated for State-level Book Selection Committee

D.N. Lokappa

N. Girigowda

Mysuru, Aug. 21- Noted Publisher from Mysuru D.N. Lokappa has been nominated as one of the Committee Members of the State-level Book Selection Committee for a period of two years.

A 15-member Committee has been formed by the Government on behalf of State Central Library under the Chairmanship of senior litterateur Dr. Doddarangegowda.

D.N. Lokappa is a known name in literary and publishing field and owns Sri Rajendra Printers and Publishers and Samvahana Prakashana. He is involved in book printing and publishing, teaching and is known for literary activities since decades.

Former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Chief N. Girigowda another Panel Member

He was the President of Akhila Karnataka Book Publishers Association and State Parishat Member of Karnataka Writers and Publishers Association. He was also the Trustee of Nrupathunga Vidya Samsthe, President of Taralabalu Samagama and Member of Kannada Book Authority.

To recognise young writers, Lokappa has instituted "Samvahana Yuva Lekhaka" award where a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 is given. Recently, a felicitation was organised in Lokappa's honour in Mysuru by his fans and well-wishers where a felicitation volume 'Lokapriya' was released.

Former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President N. Girigowda has also been nominated as a Committee Member.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	109
Total positive cases	:	3,848
Total discharges	:	2,286
Total deaths	:	39
Total active cases	:	1,523

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	120
Total positive cases	:	1,897
Total discharges	:	1,386
Total deaths	:	24
Total active cases	:	479

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	46
Total positive cases	:	1,077
Total discharges	:	716
Total deaths	:	14
Total active cases	:	347

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	196
Total positive cases	:	5,443
Total discharges	:	3,419
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	1,878

The Tejas man from Mysuru

Receives commendation letter from IAF for scripting a new chapter for indigenous manufacturing of Tejas Light Combat Aircraft

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Aug. 21- The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently moved some of its Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) from their home base in Sulur in Tamil Nadu to the western sector to strengthen its operational readiness against Pakistan amid border tensions with China in eastern Ladakh.

In a related development, the Aircraft Research and Design Centre (ARDC) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), has completed the structural design of the new variant of the LCA called Tejas Mk1A — with more combat prowess than the current variant — and HAL hopes to have the final configuration of the Tejas Mk1A by 2022-23.

Reports say that the Ministry of Defence is expected to award the Rs. 38,000 crore contract of 83 Tejas Mk1As to HAL and the contract is likely to be finalised in the last quarter of 2020. HAL is to deliver 73 fighters and 10 trainers under the contract. The Tejas MK1A will set aeronautical benchmarks for India's future fighter programmes.

Commendation letter

Along with the above latest updates, here is a feel good story about a Mysurean who worked as an engineer in HAL and who, days before his retirement, received a commendation letter from none other than Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria. He received the letter at the Air Force Station Sulur when the second squadron of Tejas 'Flying Bullets' was inducted.

P.G. Yogindra or Yogi as his colleagues fondly call him received the rare honour by IAF bestowed upon a civilian officer. Ponnathapura Gundappa Yogindra is a resident of Vidyaranyapuram in Mysuru and he served the HAL for over 35 years. One of the most respected and popular aeronautical engineers of HAL, Yogindra retired as Assistant Director and the journey was not easy for him and since childhood, life was a struggle.

Life was a struggle

He is the son of late P.S. Gundappa and late Susheelamma couple and had a humble background. Yogindra was the eldest among the six children and his father worked as a cooking contractor. The family battled poverty and as the eldest son, Yogindra was a witness to the family struggles.

His father, as a cooking contractor, had work only during wedding season and occasional ceremonies. To supplement the family income, Gundappa used to sell bondas and bajjis on roadsides. Yogindra helped his parents and his day used to start early as he used to collect firewood. Piping hot idlis, vada and rice bath used to be prepared at home and sold by the side of the road.

P.G. Yogindra poses with Tejas Light Combat Aircraft manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Poverty-stricken childhood

The poverty-stricken family had to pledge household utensils at a local pawn shop to generate money to cook and sell items. The family managed small profits and yet most of the days the family members had to sleep on empty stomach after drinking water. Yogindra studied in Sarada Vilas School till Class 12 and the school gave some concession in fee.

Both his parents were not educated and community Sabhas like Babbur Kamme Sangha helped the siblings in education. Sadly, there was no help from any of their relatives. Yogindra was a first-hand witness to the difficulties faced by his mother during pregnancies and added to the pain was poverty. The children did not even have proper clothes to wear and there was no guarantee about the future.

Passion for planes

Out of sheer hard work and dedication, Yogindra did his mechanical engineering from National Institute of Engineering (NIE) Mysuru and M.Tech from IIT-Kanpur. He was passionate about kite-flying since childhood and this passion probably ignited the fire in him for planes. He used to make his own kites and make it stronger to fly longer.

At IIT Kanpur, Yogindra passed out with flying colours and had even published two papers in international journals on tools design. He had secured a job in a company at Secunderabad and had come to Mysuru on some work where he attended an interview at HAL. The Secunderabad-based company faced a lockout and meanwhile, he got an appointment order from HAL.

Yogindra seen receiving the Commendation letter from Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria. Picture right shows Yogindra with Air Commodore K.A. Muthanna (Retd.), former chief of Test Flying, HAL.

Stint in HAL

Yogindra joined HAL on May 2, 1985 as a Grade-2 Officer and put in 35 years of service. He retired as a Grade-10 Officer as Assistant Director. Sharing his professional and personal experiences with *Star of Mysore*, Yogindra said that he was inducted to the Aircraft Manufacturing Division in 2016 and the demand to complete the Tejas indigenous fighter plane was at its peak.

"We accepted the challenge and results are for everyone to see now. It was not an easy job and everything had to be perfect. It takes a minimum of 26 to 36 months to manufacture a single aircraft. When the production was less and with the cooperation from the staff, HAL produced 16 aircraft from 2016 to 2019 and the same were handed over to the IAF. This is an unforgettable moment in my life," Yogindra said.

In the air show held in February 2019, HAL was given a new design for Tejas. "We had kept certain spares while manufacturing the earlier 16 planes and using them, we manufactured a new Tejas in just 12 months and was handed over to the IAF.

Crucial role in ALH project

Before joining the Tejas project, Yogindra, as a Grade II engineer at the Rotary Wing Research Design Centre, witnessed the manufacture of Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) from close quarters. He played a crucial role in the first prototype roll-out of ALH in the early '90s.

From 1990 to 1996, Yogindra served the Aircraft Research and Design Centre (ARDC) and that brought him close to LCA Tejas project. Not only fighter planes but also HAL manufactures several spares for the civil aviation sector. Yogindra headed the Export Department of Aircraft Division from 2006 to 2011 where he was responsible for production of Airbus A320 doors, B737's main deck cargo doors/installation kits and Boeing B777 uplock box assembly.

IIM case study

"Earlier at HAL, only six Airbus doors were manufactured per month and after I took over, we used to make 20 sets of doors and deliver. I am proud to say that 50 percent of the Airbus doors have been fulfilled by HAL. It is a precision job and after manufacturing, the doors can straight-away be fitted into the aircraft without even a single modification. HAL has the commendation and recognition for this," Yogindra explained.

The quality and precision maintained by HAL in making Airbus doors have been made a case study by Indian Institute of Management and has been published in Harvard Business Review mentioning Yogindra's name. From 2011 to 2015, Yogindra headed the Integrated Materials Management Department of Aircraft Division where he took over the supply chain for the Hawk project. He looked into planning, production and assembly of Hawk aircraft, its customer support and its supply chain management. In 2016, Yogindra was back with the LCA Tejas Division and was later promoted as Executive Director.

Efficient production

Under his leadership, 16 Tejas fighters were produced and his tenure was marked by better production standards, efficient supply chain, infrastructure ramp-up and the production cycle was considerably reduced. The LCA division went for faster assembly technologies. On March 17 this year, the first Final Operational Clearance fighter of Tejas flew out of HAL hangars in a record period of 13 months. The IAF commendation received by Yogindra was a validation of his hard work and passion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Shaggy-dog

Pronunciation: shag-ee-DAWG.
Meaning: Of, relating to, or being a long-drawn-out circumstantial story concerning an inconsequential happening that impresses the teller as humorous or interesting but the hearer as boring and pointless; also : of, relating to, or being a similar humorous story whose humor lies in the pointlessness or irrelevance of the plot or punch line.
Origin: The origin of the adjective shaggy-dog isn't truly known, but lexicographer Eric Partridge rather believably tells us that it originated with a shaggy-dog story of the amusing sort that involves—of course!—a shaggy dog. Today, the word sometimes refers to a rambling story that impresses the teller as humorous or interesting but the hearer as boring and pointless, but it can also refer to a similar story (or movie or TV show) that is actually humorous and whose humor lies in its very pointlessness or irrelevance.
Example: "Like most of Irving's other books, 'Owen Meany' is kind of a shaggy-dog story. It wanders all over the place and there are many seemingly loose ends." — Neil Gittleman

THE ODD WORD

Saccadic

Jerky; twitching.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Ships passing in the night

Meaning: Commonly said about two people who meet for a short time, share a few words, only to separate and continue on their way, never to see each other again.
Origin: The ocean is a big place, so what are the odds of two ships sailing directly past each other? I have no idea, but it's probably not very high. If it does occur, though, and it happens to be at night, the ships may shine a light on the other in order to acknowledge the other's presence. The shining of the light can be seen as a greeting, as if the ships are talking to one another, that is, until they pass and disappear into the darkness of the night, never to see the other again. Well, who knows, they might cross paths again at some point.
Anyways, this sort of ship passing situation, at some point, began to be applied to people who meet for the first time, only to part ways shortly after, disappearing into the vastness of the earth. Such people are like two ships passing at night.
The idiom is at least over 150 years old. It is written in Tales of a Wayside Inn, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1863, where it reads: "Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing, Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness; So on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another, Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence."

QUOTE BOX

Don't spend your entire life building a ship, without ever tasting the salt of the ocean. **— Alexander Den Heijer**

RIDDLE THIS

What can travel all around the world without leaving its corner?

Answer: A stamp.

SUDOKU

					6	8		
		7		2				
5			8	7			9	
4			6		7	9		
	9	2				3	6	
		6	2		5			1
	7			1	2			9
				8		6		
		1	4					

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	2	4	5	9	6	7	8
5	7	6	1	8	3	9	4	2
9	4	8	6	7	2	5	3	1
3	2	9	7	6	1	4	8	5
8	6	4	9	3	5	1	2	7
7	5	1	8	2	4	3	9	6
6	8	5	3	4	7	2	1	9
4	9	7	2	1	6	8	5	3
2	1	3	5	9	8	7	6	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

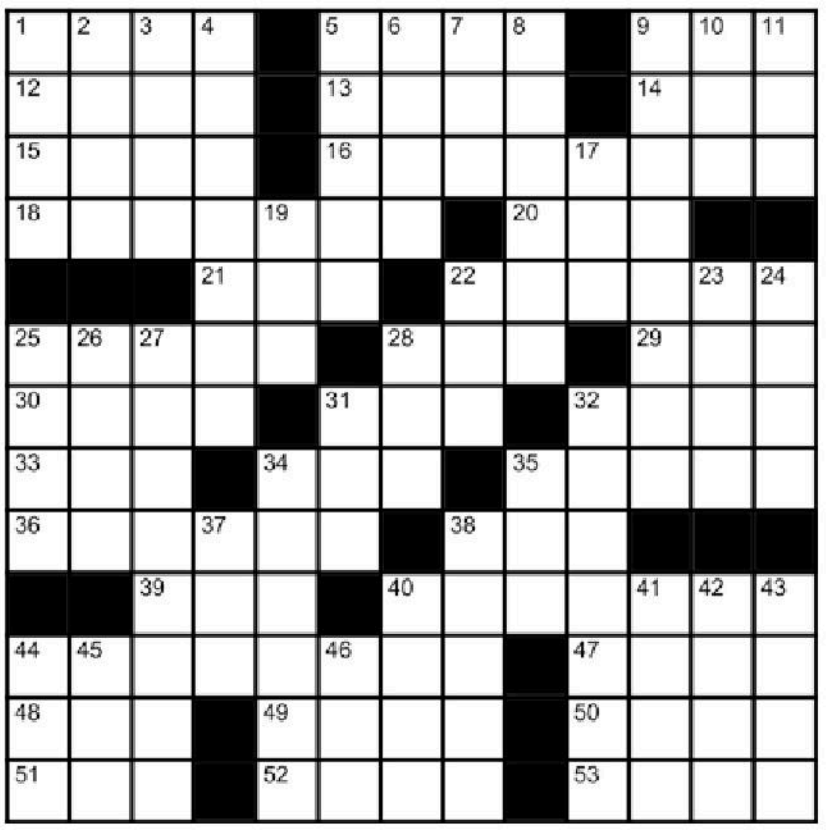
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Jet speed measure
5 Hebrew letter
9 Direction opp. to WSW
12 Mine, in Aix
13 Equestrian sport
14 Novelist Rand
15 Seizes suddenly
16 Outdoors
18 Disentangle
20 Ultimo, in short
21 Suffix with social or tour
22 Protozoans
25 Spots, ducks for the cricketer
28 Prefix with "cover" and "please"
29 Charles ____ : King Charles ?
30 Experiment rooms in schools, abbr.
31 Steerer of boat
32 Fr. miss
33 Red Indian tribe
34 Filled a chair
35 Most high-born
36 Edit
38 Barbie's beau
39 Country next to Leb.
40 Under a roof
44 An igloo
47 Hoof sound
48 Hurry busily from one place to another
49 ___ duck (one needing help)
50 Zhivago's heroine
51 Invoice fig.
52 Not as much as before
53 Small amphibious creatures

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	U	L	K	■	A	N	U	■	Z	E	U	S
I	N	U	N	I	S	O	N	■	O	L	E	O
D	I	V	I	S	I	V	E	■	D	U	L	L
■	■	■	G	I	S	■	N	A	I	L	E	D
P	A	T	H	S	■	E	D	N	A	■	■	■
S	M	U	T	■	E	V	I	N	C	E	D	■
Y	O	B	■	S	T	E	N	O	■	R	U	E
■	K	A	M	P	O	N	G	■	N	A	S	T
■	■	■	R	E	N	T	■	D	U	T	T	A
Q	U	E	B	E	C	■	A	R	C	■	■	■
U	R	G	E	■	R	I	V	A	L	L	E	D
I	D	E	A	■	O	D	O	M	E	T	E	R
T	U	R	N	■	P	I	N	■	I	D	L	Y

DOWN
1 Hindu lawgiver
2 Zeenat of Bollywood
3 Male swans
4 Self-important person (3,4)
5 Separate
6 Recline lazily or hang out
7 Fairy, sprite
8 Online message boards
9 From or toward the orient?
10 The Big Apple
11 Rock musician Brian
17 "Rockaria!" band
19 Balaam's beast
22 Various French towns; sounds like pains
23 Fleck or Bartók
24 Skater's manoeuvre
25 Smear
26 Behind time
27 Doing as one is told
28 Small round mark
31 Feline family pet
32 Single eye-glass
34 Parchment roll
35 ___ light : signal to stop ?
37 Tree of Fraxinus genus
38 Leg joints
40 Distinctive doctrines
41 Norway's patron saint
42 Institutional dishonesty
43 Mineral spring resorts
44 Tax break savings account
45 Preposition meaning "with" or "together with" ?
46 Dubai locale



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

J HEXTSB EI LEDZYN OD ZYB SJGECJZECV HJD

NJFB J HEXTSB EI YEXCN OD ZYB SOGCJCV.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.

Diamond Jubilee Year - 2021

FB Live Concerts to mark 8th Cross Ganeshotsava

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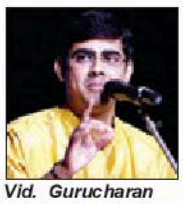
Vid. Arunprakash

Vid. Guruprasad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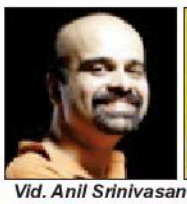
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Vid. Ramakrishnan

Vid. Bharadwaj

Vid. Rithvik Raja

Vid. Ananthakrishnan

Vid. Sumesh

Akkarai Sisters

Vid. Vivek

Vid. Vittal

Vid. Anantha Krishna

Vid. Arun Kumar

Vid. Heramba and Hemantha

Vid. Guruprasanna

Vid. Saketraman

Vid. Vijay Natesan

Mysuru, Aug. 21- The following FB Live Concerts have been organised by SPVGMC Trust, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, as part of the 59th Ganeshotsava (Diamond Jubilee Year - 2021) from Aug.23 to Aug. 31:

Aug. 23: Vocal concert by Vid. T.M. Krishna accompanied by Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. Arunprakash on mridanga and Vid. N. Guruprasad on ghata.

Aug. 24: Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan - vocal, Vid. Anil Srinivasan - piano and Vid. Purushotham - kanjira.

Aug. 25: Vid. J.B. Sruthi Sagar - flute, Vid. B. Ananthakrishnan - violin, Vid. Neyveli Narayanan - mridanga and Vid. G. Chandrasekara Sharma - ghata.

Aug. 26: Vid. Vignesh Ishwar - vocal, Vid. L. Ramakrishnan - violin, Vid. N.C. Bharadwaj - mridanga and Vid. B.S. Purushotham - morching.

Aug. 27: Vid. Rithvik Raja - vocal, Vid. M.S. Ananthakrishnan - violin, Vid. Sumesh Narayanan - mridanga and Vid. G. Chandrasekara Sharma - ghata.

Aug. 28: Akkarai Sisters (Akkarai Subhalakshmi and Akkarai Swarnalatha) - violin duet, Vid. N.C. Bharadwaj - mridanga and Vid. N. Guruprasad - ghata.

Aug. 29: Vid. Vivek Sadasivam - vocal, Vid. Vittal Rangan - violin, Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma - mridanga and Vid. B.S. Arun Kumar - morching.

Aug. 30: Vid. Heramba and Hemantha - flute, Vid. Vittal Rangan - violin, Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma - mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna - kanjira.

Aug. 31: Vid. Saketraman - violin, Vid. L. Ramakrishnan - violin and Vid. Vijay Natesan - mridanga. For details contact Mob: 98455- 01178.

Minister Gopalaiah stops convoy to rescue accident victim

Mandya, Aug. 21 (Nagaiah&BCT)- Ministers have a heart too. Mahalakshmi Layout MLA and Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister K. Gopalaiah proved it last evening when he not only rescued an accident victim but also summoned an ambulance to take him to the hospital, got the victim admitted there and ensured better treatment.

The incident occurred last evening at Nagamangala on Bengaluru-Mangaluru National Highway near Bellur Cross where one Ganesh from Bengaluru was travelling on his bike on the Highway towards Hassan. His bike rammed into a road divider and an injured Ganesh fell on the road.

At the same time, Minister Gopalaiah's official convoy was passing on the same road towards Hassan. Spotting the accident and seeing the victim lying on the road, Gopalaiah stopped his vehicle and rushed to the youth's help. He personally called an ambulance and admitted the youth to Adichunchanagiri Hospital at the nearby B.G. Nagar.

The Minister ensured that Ganesh got immediate medical help. Though Ganesh did not suffer any major injuries, he is being treated at the Hospital. The Minister's move came in for a lot of public appreciation. A case has been registered at Bellur Cross Police Station.

Yet another Swab Testing Centre opened at K.R. Constituency

Mysuru, Aug. 21 (RKB&KS) - In a bid to contain the rapid spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), another Swab Testing Centre has been opened at Karnataka Public School premises, behind Somani College in Kuvempunagar, which was launched by K.R. Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that this testing centre would be helpful for people of Kuvempunagar, Saraswathipuram, Vivekanandanagar, Aravindanagar, Srirampura, T.K. Layout, Sharadadevi Nagar and surrounding places and added that a total of four Swab Testing Centres have been established at K.R. Constituency.

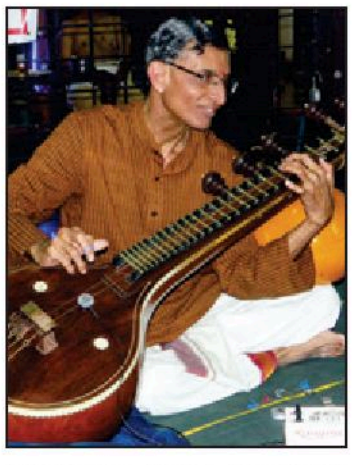
Continuing, Ramdas said that it has been decided to conduct random tests at J.P. Nagar and Nachanahalli Palya next week and urged the public to make use of it. Urging the public not to panic, if they test positive for COVID, the MLA suggested the public to take necessary medicines to boost their immunity. Corporators Geethashree and M.C. Ramesh, former Corporator J.C. Jagadish, Ashraya Committee Member Hemanth and others were present.

Online music concert tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 21-Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, V.V. Mohalla, will be presenting a veena concert by reputed artiste Vid. Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan on Saturday (Aug.22) on its YouTube channel at 5 pm, in continuation of its online weekly concerts.

Dr. Vijayaraghavan is an A Top Grade artiste of All India Radio and a popular doctor by profession. He will be accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Music-lovers are requested to visit the Sabha's YouTube channel: Sri Thyagaraja



Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust and watch the programme, according to a press release from Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, Hon. Secretary [Ph: 0821-2512422].

Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy felicitated

As part of its centenary celebrations, Himalaya Foundation felicitated Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy (AVN), former Head, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore (UoM) and his wife at their residence recently. They are seen with industrialist Doreswamy, Dr. K. Anasuya, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former President Maddikere Gopal, senior social worker K. Raghuram Vajapayee, cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu and Foundation President N. Ananta.

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